

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission**

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Brushy Creek Trails Advisory Board Application Process

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Chapter 455A.8, Code of Iowa authorizes the Natural Resource Commission (NRC) to appoint members of the Brushy Creek Trails Advisory Board. The NRC at its September 11, 2008, meeting directed staff to establish a statewide process to receive applications from people interested in serving on the board. A news release calling for applicants was distributed statewide on September 16 & 23, 2008. The Fort Dodge Messenger newspaper ran an indepth article on September 26, 2008, explaining the purpose the Trails Advisory Board and providing information on the application process. Per Chairman Bill Bird's direction, staff directly contacted the Iowa Paint Horse Association and the Iowa Quarter Horse Association. Announcements were also placed in publications of the Iowa Horse Council and Iowa Trailriding Association. People could apply via a web address. The application period expired October 3, 2008.

The list of applicants and proposed evaluation criteria will be distributed to NRC members at the October 9, 2008, meeting. The goal is to ask the NRC to make the appointments at its November 13, 2008, meeting.

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